

## **Town Updates:**

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# **SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2005**

# **Town of East Windsor**

After a very long winter, I trust that you are as relieved as I am that spring has finally arrived. Although late snowfall delayed their efforts, our park & recreation and public works employees have been busy preparing our parks and other Town properties for your spring and summer enjoyment. It always amazes me how such a small team can get so much done.

In addition to expressing thanks to these dedicated employees, I hope you will join me in welcoming Melissa Green, our new Park and Recreation Director. Melissa, a lifelong resident of East Windsor, is a graduate of Eastern Connecticut State University and before coming to East Windsor, served as event coordinator for the Vernon recreation department. In a recent interview Melissa said "It feels good to be able to give back to the community and implement programs that weren't available when I was a kid". Melissa has a variety of programs planned for the summer. If you are in the Town Hall, stop in the Park Office and welcome her home.

Two other long time residents Marie and Carlos DeSousa were recently named as Rotary Club's citizens of the Year. Marie was honored for service to the Town and work in the community and Carlos for his work with youth sports. On behalf of the town, I extend sincere congratulations and heartfelt thanks to both Marie & Carlos and all the volunteers who contribute to our community. We are always in need of residents to serve on boards and commissions and other organizations. Please check our website [www.eastwindsor-ct.gov](http://www.eastwindsor-ct.gov) for a list of vacancies and contact me if you are interested in any of the positions available.

On behalf of all the veterans in East Windsor, I invite and encourage you to attend Memorial Day observances both in Melrose on Sunday, May 29th at 2:30 p.m. and Warehouse Point on Monday, May 30th at 10:00 a.m. We have all benefited from the sacrifices made by the men and women who have served to keep our country free. Memorial Day gives us the opportunity to acknowledge and thank them for all they have done to allow us to continue living the lifestyle we enjoy. The members of our Veteran's Commission have worked hard to create a program that includes all ages and I hope that you will take the time to join us for a portion if not all the services.

We are once again facing a difficult budget session. Both the Boards of Selectmen and Finance have carefully reviewed all departmental requests and trimmed where possible. After many long hours of nightly meetings we have realized that just maintaining our current level of town services will require a substantial tax increase. While we are

reluctant to raise taxes, we are just as reluctant to cut the services we provide for our residents.

Founded by Yankee farmers, who are now slowly being outnumbered by young families accustomed to more services. We are a town in transition. Add to this mix a high percentage of seniors on fixed incomes and you begin to realize our dilemma. For many years, we have operated our town government on bare bones cutting capital improvements and using one-time revenues to pass budgets. This has resulted in an undermining of our infrastructure and creating increased revenue gaps for successive years. We are no longer able to operate in this manner.

This year's proposed increase in state aid is less than 2.5%. The projected increase in cost of providing service is closer to 9% and this after countless hours spent by volunteer board members trying to find ways to meet the basic needs of our residents without raising taxes. I am sure their efforts will result in at least one costly referendum and this will be after incorporating measures we have instituted to keep our increases at an absolute minimum.

This year we asked our department heads and agencies to submit a status quo budget including only those increases that could be substantiated by contracts and we asked them to produce the contracts to substantiate their requests. We also asked for a narrative of what effect a 5% decrease in the current budget would have on departmental operations. In preparing my own sections of the budget I found few areas that could sustain cuts and the few that would result in a direct reduction of services.

These problems are echoed by most small towns leading me to believe it is the system, not us, that needs repair. Small towns have very limited sources of revenues and the revenues generated from these sources are ever decreasing. Although we need to take ownership of this problem, we also need to petition our state legislators for their help. We need to ask them to do all they can to increase state aid to municipalities. We need to ask them to review and wherever possible reduce the demand on us imposed for unfunded mandates. And finally, we need to encourage them to pass and keep legislation that allows us to employ other sources of revenues and pursue new options such as retaining a portion of the conveyance tax for local use.

In closing, I want to thank you once again for allowing me the privilege of serving as your First Selectman. If you have any questions, comment or concerns about our town and it's operations please stop by, call or contact me by e-mail @ [lroberts@eastwindsorct.com](mailto:lroberts@eastwindsorct.com).

*Linda Roberts, First Selectman*

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# Community Corner

## E.W. Rotary Club:

Celebrating Rotary's 100th Year Anniversary, the East Windsor Rotary Club will host a "FAMILY RECREATION and SPORTS FAIR" on Saturday, June 18, 2005 at the East Windsor High School on route 5.

The "FAIR" promises to be an exciting and informative event, with sky divers performing throughout the day, hot air balloon rides, sports demonstrations, a soft ball tournament, marching bands, cheerleaders, and MUCH MORE!

Along with the entertainment, numerous sports and recreational vendors and organizations will be in attendance. Local food vendors will feature their specialties.

The "FAIR" will be open from 9 am - 5 pm. A donation of \$3.00 per person is requested, children under age 12 are free. Free parking and shuttle bus service will be provided. All proceeds will be used to support East Windsor community projects. The event is sponsored by the Rockville Bank. For more information call 254-5249.

*Bob Cotiaux, Event Coordinator*

## E.W. Chamber of Commerce:

On September 20, 2005, the East Windsor Chamber of Commerce will present "Meet the Selectmen Forum" at the East Windsor High School from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

This Forum will give Citizen's the opportunity to hear the views and visions of those great citizen's who have chosen to run for Selectmen to serve our community. The Forum is being presented by the East Windsor Chamber of Commerce to continue it's 10 year history of bringing community information programs to the Citizen's of East Windsor.

*Jim Richards, Executive Director of EWCC*

## I Need Your Help:

My name is Matthew Grant and I am working on achieving the rank of Eagle in Boy Scouts. In order to do so I am to complete a major service project which will benefit the community. My service project is to supply house numbers to the homeowners in East Windsor. **If you are in need of a house number, please fill out the form below and return it to me by June 20, 2005.** When all the forms have been returned to me, I will raise the funds

to purchase the numbers needed. When the fundraising is completed I will purchase the numbers and then send them to you through the mail. Along with a copy of the Town Ordinance, stating how the numbers should be placed.

*Matthew Grant, Boy Scout*

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Fill out and Return to Matthew Grant, 133 Melrose Rd., Broad Brook, CT 06016 (Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

House Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## E. W. Family Resource Center and Book Buddy Program

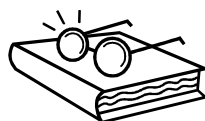
**Summer Camp Program:** The East Windsor Family Resource Center will be sponsoring a camp like summer program for the 5th year. Elixsa Podd, Physical Education Teacher for the Broad Brook School will once again be the summer program director. Several young adults who graduated from East Windsor High School also worked as camp counselors last year.

Most of these college students are majoring in education. The ages that boys and girls are accepted into the summer program are five to twelve years old (K-6th grade). This year the program will operate for eight weeks, from July 5th - August 26th. Parents have the option of enrolling their children for just one week or for as many as eight weeks. There are two different rates -



\$110.00 per week for the hours between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and \$155.00 per week for the hours between 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. These rates include the cost of field trips. Please call Family Resource Center's Director, Midge Pych at 627-9741 for further information or to have an application mailed out. Some of the fun activities offered at the Resource Center summer program are; weekly field trips, weekly swimming, daily arts and crafts and sports, hikes and weekly campfires. The summer program is held at the air-conditioned Scout Hall on Abbe Road in East Windsor.

**Book Buddy Program:** The East Windsor Resource Center is sponsoring a "Book Buddy Program". Briefly, the book buddy program is as follows and has had a very



successful two years. It's a program for kindergarten children and is designed to excite the children to read. We match up an adult to be a book buddy with a kindergarten child for the school year. Three times a year the adult book buddy gives a wrapped book to the child. There is no one-on-one personal contact with the adult and child. The book buddy program takes place in the months of November, February and May. About three weeks before each scheduled book drop, the adult book buddy will receive three items in the mail (1) Instructions as to what is expected of the book buddy (2) a book plate to put inside the child's book with enough space to write a personal note to the child and (3) an age-appropriate list of books to choose from. The adult book buddy will deliver the books to a drop off area at the Broad Brook School or a designated area. If you would like to sign up to be a book buddy for the next school year, please call the director Midge Pych at 627-9741. *Midge Pych, Director*

# Broad Brook & Warehouse Point Volunteer Fire Departments

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Department would like to congratulate **Jim Barton** on his appointment of Fire Chief for the Warehouse Point Fire Department.

The Warehouse Point Fire Department would like to say congratulations to Elliot Garner who has been promoted to Lieutenant. A big thank you to our hard working officers that help make the Warehouse Point Fire Department run smoothly and to our loyal members, we couldn't thank you enough for all of your time and effort. **Line Officers are:** Chief James Barton, Assistant Chief Kevin Clynch, Deputy Chief Eric Vincent, Captain Christy Delvey, Captain Bruce Lincoln, Lieutenant Jim Devanney, Lieutenant Andy Shefrin, Lieutenant Elliot Garner. **Social Officers are:** President Edward Howell, Vice President Heather Brunelle, Treasurer Kim Gibson, Secretary Phil Depacua. We have over 42 senior members and 9 junior members.

## BROAD BROOK CARNIVAL & FIREWORKS DISPLAY!

The Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Department Association presents the 2005 Fireworks Display at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 2005 at Broad Brook Carnival Grounds, Rte. 140 and Main Street. Along with the annual Firefighter's Carnival, this is Broad Brook's largest community event, drawing residents and non-residents to the Broad Brook section of East Windsor. This event is funded primarily by the annual Carnival. This year's fireworks display is dedicated to the youth of our community.

In order to reach our goal of \$5,000, any tax-deductible donation will be appreciated. A list of all who contributed will be published on the Broad Brook Fireworks Display Contributors List. The list is located near the raffle booth at the carnival grounds. If you wish to remain anonymous, we will honor your request.

Please fill out the following and mail your tax-deductible donation to support those who volunteer their time with the Broad Brook Fire Department. Without your support, this event would not take place. For more information, contact Ernie Teixeira at 623-8782. Fireworks rain date is Saturday, August 13, 2005.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/Town: _____
Donation Amount: _____
Please note is you wish to remain anonymous
Make checks payable to:
Broad Brook Volunteer Fire Department Association
P.O. Box 91, Broad Brook, CT. 06016

## WAREHOUSE POINT CARNIVAL, JULY 20-23, 2005

It's almost that time of year again! That's right, carnival season. This year is going to be bigger and better than ever. We have a new amusement company with new and exciting rides for the whole family. Starting with Wednesday night, we will be selling hot dogs for \$1.00 (while supplies last) Thursday night, The Jimmy Buffet tribute band will be performing on stage. Also Thursday night will be "wrist band night" for the kids to ride the rides. Saturday night at 6 pm we will have our annual parade, with over thirty fire department from surrounding towns participating.

Our raffle this year is out of this world! We regret to announce that because of new laws and regulations from the State and Federal Government, we are unable to mail out our raffle tickets. We will be selling raffle tickets during the carnival or you can stop by the fire department anytime to purchase your winning ticket! Make sure to mark your calendars and we will see you in July!

## WAREHOUSE POINT UPDATES

Pasta Dinner - On Saturday April 2nd the fire department held there first annual pasta dinner. It was a huge success! We had excellent food, great door prizes and a wonderful atmosphere. The pasta dinner wouldn't have been a successful if it wasn't for the donations from East Windsor Diner, River View Pizza, La Notte Restaurant and the Warren Family. Also, we would like to thank Blimpie-Subs & Salads and Advance Auto Parts for all their donations for our door prizes.

From all of us at the Warehouse Point Fire Department, thank you for the support. We are all proud to serve you and the Town of East Windsor.

## CHIEF'S CORNER



A few messages from the Chiefs.....

- One never knows when there will be a road closure due to an emergency. Always know more than one way to get where you need to go.
- House numbers are very important in the event of an emergency. Please make sure your house number is visible from the road.
- In the event of an emergency, please call 911. We can't respond to emergencies via callers on the non-routine phone number located within the firehouse. Have a safe summer!

*Christina Long and Edward Howell*

# Senior Services

A few of our upcoming trips include **Salem Cross Inn Luncheon & Garden Tour**, Tues. June 7th, **Center Stage @ Chez Josef "The Ed Sullivan Show"** Tues. June 21st., **Chez Josef Lobster Feast & Bluegrass Showdown** Wed. July 2nd, **Delaney House/Big Muggsy's Speakeasy**, Tues. Sept. 13th, **Big E "Connecticut Day"**, Wed. Sept. 21st. All of these trips fill up quickly and are put out two months in advance for sign ups. If you are interested, check the monthly calendar for sign up & payment dates, check the web site or call the center to be put on the list or on a waiting list. In town seniors get first priority.

**Bereavement Counseling** will be offered again in the spring through the Enfield Visiting Nurse Association. This is offered free of charge. Please continue to check our web site and/or



our monthly calendars for the dates.

**Afternoon at the Movies** a monthly program and continues to be a big hit among the seniors.

This program is free of charge and includes popcorn and ice tea, transportation is available. Program begins at 12:30 p.m. The movies scheduled are **About Schmidt**, Tues. June 14th, **The Aviator**, Tues. July 19th, **Million Dollar Baby**, Tues. Aug. 16th and **The Doctor**, Tues. Sept. 20th.

**Annual Senior Picnic** will be held on **Thursday, June 9th** at the East Windsor Park Pavilion from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 per person.



**Foxwoods trips** will be Thurs. July 14th and Thurs. September 8th. Package includes \$10 food credit, \$15 Keno coupon, transportation and drivers tip. Your cost is \$15.00.

Beginning in September we will be offering the 10-part **CPTV series** of "Seniors: Living a Quality Life" We will show one episode per month with a discussion to follow within that month. All ten episodes were gifted to us through the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. The first episode is scheduled for Tues. Sept. 6th at 10:00 a.m. The topic will be "Living to 100 and Family Care giving."



**ACTIVE Exercise** programs will start up again after the summer hiatus. The first class is Mon., Sept. 12th and runs from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. This class is offered through a

grant from North Central Health and for first time participants there is no cost to attend the session. Registration information, call 745-0383.



## Monthly Wellness

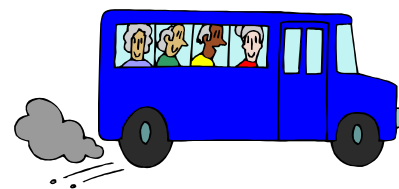
**Clinic** consists of Free Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar screening from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED) In June we will be hosting a Cholesterol screening

from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and the cost is \$10.00 (NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED) Foot Care from 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (APPOINTMENT NEEDED)

**Monthly Socials** are held on the **fourth Thursday** of the month and features live entertainment. This is the day to pick up your new calendar and sign up for upcoming activities. Join us for lunch at noon and enjoy your afternoon with friends. Lunch cost \$2.00.

On July 19th we will have a community conversation program in conjunction with the Connecticut Gravestone Network. This program will invite you to learn about the colonial era gravestones and some of

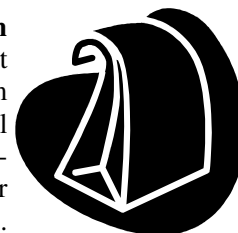
the carvers that made them. One July 26th we will have a walking tour of some of the sites in East Windsor.



**Transportation Services** is a "by appointment only" program serving the needs of those 60 years of age or older (or otherwise eligible) for Medical appointments/daily living needs. Call 292-8261 for an appointment.

## Our Nutrition

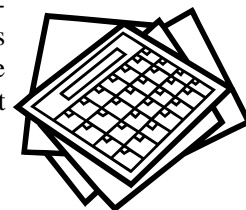
**Program** offers a hot nutritious lunch from CRT for a nominal cost of \$2.00, Mon. - Fri. in our Senior Community Café.



Monthly Menus are available at the Center as well as publicized in your local newspaper. Reservations must be made at least a day in advance by calling 292-8279.

**PLEASE NOTE: Our programs require advanced sign up unless otherwise noted. Please stop in the center or call to register so we may have an accurate attendance count.**

We are located at 125 Main Street, Broad Brook. You can also find information on the town website [www.eastwindsor-ct.gov](http://www.eastwindsor-ct.gov), click on Senior Services and follow the links from there. For you convenience, Calendars & Programs are posted throughout town buildings.



*Laura Clynych, Director Senior Services*

# East Windsor Veterans Commission

Hello, and welcome to the Veterans commission column. Spring is here and everyone is glad to see it finally arrive. Since our last column, the veterans commission has been hard at work planning for the Memorial Day parade and ceremony at the Warehouse Point Green. Its should be a terrific parade this year. We have invited all of the children from all three East Windsor Schools to march, along with the bands from the High School and Middle School. There should also be a contingent from the U.S. Army as well as the Fife and Drum Corp. This is the year that we should all come out for the parade as we have so many servicemen and women in the armed forces, and we should all be proud of them for protecting us left back here in the United States.

We are also looking to upgrade the Veterans Cemetery. We have had at least three bids to change some of the grounds, and this should be completed within the next year. If you would like to donate \$35.00 for an American Flag to hang on Main Street in Broad Brook or Warehouse Point, there is a form along with this column, and the flag

can be donated in memory of any current serviceman or woman, or any veteran that you care about. We want to thank all of our Veterans and Military serving today for our FREEDOM. Thank you.

The Veterans Commission is also combining with The 5 Corner Cupboard to help stamp out hunger in East Windsor. There will be containers for food donations located in all 3 East Windsor Schools, The East Windsor Library, The East Windsor Senior Center, Alfreds Restaurant in Broad Brook and most if not all the Churches in town. Please help us help our neighbors. Thank you in advance.

*Warren S. Wenz, Chairman*

## Calling all Seamstresses:

Are you handy with a sewing machine or hand stitching? The Veterans commission is seeking volunteers to repair/sew some of the American Flags that line the Main streets in Broad Brook and Warehouse Point. If you are interested in helping, please call **Ken Crouch** at 623-1560. Thank you.

(Please Print)

## Parade Flag Coupon

In Memory/Honor of:

Flag purchased by:

Send acknowledgement to:

Send \$35.00 donation checks to:

East Windsor Veteran's Commission, Town of East Windsor  
P.O. Box 389, Broad Brook, CT. 06016



## TOWN NEWS

### IMPORTANT NEWS TO TAX PAYERS:

REAL ESTATE, MOTOR VEHICLE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY tax bills for the 2004 Grand List due in the month of July 2005 will be mailed the last week of June 2005. If payment is not made on or before August 1, 2005 each tax becomes subject to interest at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) per month from the due date of July 1, 2005 with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. The Tax Collector encourages the taxpayers to use the lockbox address; Tax Collector, Town of East Windsor, P.O. Box 630, Hartford CT. 06142-0630 when mailing payments in the month of July. Receipts will be returned to taxpayers that enclose a self-addressed envelope. Taxpayers with delinquent Motor Vehicle bills and need to re-register at the Department of Motor Vehicles will need to bring cash or a bank check to receive a clearance from the Tax Office. Contact the Tax Collector's Office at 623-8904 if you do not receive a bill and feel your owe taxes.

*Janet Regina, Tax Collector*

### OPEN SPACE PLAN NEEDS YOU!

The Natural Resource Committee is currently charged with formulating an open space plan for the town as deemed necessary by the Plan of Conservation and Development. This plan will include farmland, open space and linear greenways.

There are several available positions on the NRPC. If you would like to have an active voice in the future of what is left of East Windsor's open space please join us on June 8th. You may call Albert Grant (623-5487) or Linda Kehoe (623-8994) for more information.

The Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Melrose School House (on the left side of Rt. 140, just past the intersection of Rts. 140 & 190 headed east). Scheduled meeting are as follows: June 8th, July 13th, August 10th and September 14th.

*Linda Kehoe, NRPC Member*

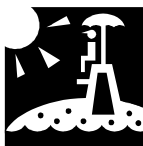


# Parks and Recreation

Great news from the Park Office, our new Park & Recreation Director started on May 2, 2005. Melissa Green, an East Windsor resident, was hired by the Board of Selectmen at their April meeting. Melissa, who graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University with a degree in Sports and Leisure Management, had worked for the Vernon Parks & Recreation Department before coming to East Windsor. The Parks & Recreation Office has been manned for the last 6 months by Mary Lou Morell, our administrative assistant and by Bill Raber who came out of retirement to staff our office part time. Their extra efforts allowed our Parks and Recreation department to maintain the same level of service to the Town as in the past year.

With Melissa on board, the department is again planning to hold a Summer Concert Series. Last year, this program was made possible by donations from our area businesses. The East Windsor Park will host most of the concerts, but we are exploring the use of Volunteer Park for at least one concert.

The East Windsor Men's softball league and the Over 30 league will commence play in early May at the East Windsor Park. The E.W. Park



will open for the summer season on weekends commencing Memorial Day weekend. Full time summer operation will begin on June 25th with the park opening at 9 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m. with swimming allowed between 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The snack bar will open for the season also on June 25th. Season passes are available at a cost of \$30.00/family.

Swim lessons will be held at the Park beginning in June. Consecutive sessions are held for all swim levels, ranging from pre beginner to swimmer. Registration information will be available by late May.

The Park also has 2 pavilions which can be rented for private functions. Each pavilion has its own kitchen with a sink and refrigerator. Grills are also available. Rental includes use of the ball field, volleyball courts and horse-shoe pits.

Other activities in the works are tennis and golf lessons, bus trips and Rock Cats outings.



Our popular dance program will continue through the summer months; registration information is at the office. The Park office also sells Showcase movie tickets



at a substantial discount. Stop by and see us at the Town Hall or you can reach us by phone at 627-6662.

An update on facilities includes the rash of vandalism we've experienced at the East Windsor Park. There have been three separate instances, with damage to the pavilion, snack bar and basketball courts. Your help is being solicited! We have a wonderful facility, let's all work to keep it that way. Please report any suspicious activity to the EW Police department at 292-8240.

Improvements at the Warehouse Point Park (Osborn Field) this April and May include replacing the shingles on the roof of the snack bar, and replacing the water line from the road to the facility.

The Prospect Hill Park had new basketball courts installed and new park benches. Pierce Park in Windsorville will have new basketball hoops installed this spring. The Park Commission is reviewing all the facilities at all park sites and prioritizing repairs and upgrading.

We appreciate your suggestions and input for improving our services and facilities, please contact our Park office with any comments or concerns.

*Sandy Foster, P & R Commission*

## Human Services-860-623-2430

**Pauline's Stock Pot Kitchen:** Pauline's Stock Pot Kitchen will be serving **Free** Hot, nutritious meals from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on the following dates for the year 2005. May 20, 27 & 31, June 17, 24 & 28, July 22, 26 & 29, August 19, 26 & 30 and September 23, 27 & 30. Pauline's serves a dinner to all that enter. We are located at the **Wesley United Methodist Church**, 55 South Main Street in East Windsor.



**The Five Corner Cupboard & East Windsor Human Services:** We are in need of the following items for our food banks: Cereal, juice, coffee, evaporated milk, tea, hot chocolate, sugar, tuna fish, salmon, jelly peanut butter, canned meats (chicken, ham, spam, beef stew, corn beef), spaghetti sauce, stuffing mixes, crackers, paper towels, toilet tissue, laundry & dish detergent and personal care items. Hunger does not just happen during the Holiday's - It's a YEAR ROUND

NEED! Contact either Human Services or The First Congregational Church at 623-6663.

**Second Chance Closet:**



Come and visit our **FREE** Second Chance Closet located at the Town Hall Annex. We have a wonderful selection of gently used Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing as well as household goods. We accept clean useable donations. For more information, call Human Services.

# Human Services - 860-623-2430

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## ConnPACE

ConnPACE is a state program that helps eligible senior or disabled Connecticut residents pay for certain prescription drugs, insulin, and insulin syringes. There is an annual registration fee of \$30.00. Participants pay \$16.25 for each prescription and ConnPACE pays the rest. The **NEW INCOME LIMITS** for ConnPACE are: Single Person \$21,400, Married Couple \$28,900.

Apply now if you are disabled and receiving Social Security benefits or are age 65 or older. If you have any questions or need assistance with completing the application, please contact East Windsor Human Services at 860-623-2430.

## Renters Rebate Program

What is the Renters' Rebate Program? It is a program for Connecticut renters (tenants) who are elderly or totally disabled and whose incomes do not go over certain limits. If you qualify, the program may give you a rebate check. The amount of the rebate check is based on your income, the amount of your rent and the utility bills that you paid in 2004, (excluding telephone). Rebate amounts can range from \$50 to \$900. **You may be eligible** if you are over 65 years of age; or are the surviving spouse of someone who was eligible at the time of his/her death and over 50 years of age; or if you are permanently and totally disabled and 18 years of age or older. **In addition you must** have lived in Connecticut for one year or more; and have rented an apartment, a room, a mobile home, or be living in cooperative housing; and have an income below \$27,100/year if you are single or have a combined income below \$33,000/year if you are married. **Where to apply** Call for an appointment to apply at Human Services. Applications will be accepted from May 23 - September 15, 2005. There is no application fee or asset limits.

## Pack-It-Back-To School Program

The Department of Human Services is seeking out individuals and local businesses to help make a needy child's back-to-school days a lot brighter by taking part in the **7th Annual Pack-It-Back-To-School Program**. This office received backpacks, which are donated by the Salvation Army. Human Services then fills the backpacks with essential school items and are given to the children who are in need of them. The backpacks are distributed through East Windsor Schools to preserve anonymity. The items necessary to make this happen are needed from the community through your donations to be dropped to the East Windsor Human Services Department, 25 School Street, East Windsor. The following items can be dropped off to the above address between the hours of 8:30 - 4:30 Monday - Wednesday, 8:30 - 7:00 on Thursday, and 8:30 - 12:30 on Fridays. New Items being sought out are; 3-ring binders, colored pencils, pens, eraser pens, crayons, markers, rulers, zipped pencil cases, pocket folders, assignment planner, college ruled white paper, "easy tear" notebooks, report covers, sheet protectors, highlighters, divided pages with pockets, white out, correction tape, glue sticks, composition notebook, erasers, post-it-notes, 3 1/2 x 5 cards, 3 1/2 formatted disks, blunt and sharp scissors and scotch tape. For more information on this program, please call us at Human Services. Your support is appreciated!

## Camp CONNRI

The Salvation Army opens Camp CONNRI to over 1,000 young people (ages 7-11 yrs.) and a limited session for teens (ages 12 & 13 yrs.) each summer. This is especially meaningful to youngsters who might otherwise never get the opportunity to experience nature in this way. If you are interested in sending your child to camp, call Human Services for more information.



*Elizabeth Burns, Human Services Coordinator*

## Cox Regional Cable Advisory Council

News from your Cox Regional Cable Council representatives Elizabeth Burns and Scott Riach. The advisory council has created an email address at [cable.advisory@cox.net](mailto:cable.advisory@cox.net) that can serve as a mechanism for providing the council with public input on topics and issues concerning the cable television franchise serving our community. Please email us; we welcome your comments and feedback on your cable interests. The public is invited to attend the next Cable Advisory meeting being held on Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Cox Communications, 5 Niblick Road, Enfield Connecticut.



## Your Voice, Your Opinion And Your Participation Counts!

You as a citizen of East Windsor is needed to participate and assist in the taping of East Windsor Charter Revision Committee meeting and the East Windsor Community Partnership for Education meetings. At the same time you can acquire a new skill and have fun participating and contributing to your community by taping meetings for showing on Cox Cable Channel 15 or 16. Learn to do graphics and see your work on your television screen. Please volunteer and participate by contacting Elizabeth Burns at 860-623-2430.

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2005

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### Town of East Windsor

#### Hours of Operation

**Effective Date July 5, 2005**

**Mon. - Wed., 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

### COMMUNITY

#### CALENDAR

June 11th	Household Hazardous Waste Day from 8 - 1 pm. at Town Hall
July 29th & 30th	The Opera House Players presents an Encore Performance of <b>"IN GOOD SPIRITS"</b> An Original Musical Performance. Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m. at The Opera House on Main Street in Broad Brook.
Aug. 5th & 6th	
Sept. 9, 10 & 11 and 16, 17 & 18 and 23, 24 & 25	The Opera House Players presents <b>"NUNSENSE"</b> Fridays & Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 2 pm.
July 4th	Town Offices CLOSED in observance of Independence Day
September 5th	Town Offices CLOSED in observance of Labor Day

### June is Dog Licensing Month!



Per Connecticut State Statute, all dogs must be licensed during the month of June. The requirements are a current rabies vaccination and a certificate of spay or neutered if the dog has been spayed or neutered. The fee for licensing is \$8.00 for a dog that is spayed or neutered and \$19.00 for un-spayed or un-neutered. There is a \$1.00 per month late fee for dogs not licensed in the month of June. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 292-8255.

## Public Works/Highway Department

### RESIDENTS:

It's that time of year again. The Metropolitan District is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste (HazWaste) Collection on **June 11th from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the East Windsor Town Hall**. If you don't think you have hazardous waste, think again. Right now there are potentially dangerous materials lurking throughout your home. Even everyday products, like solvents and cleaners can pose serious health risks if swallowed, inhaled, or mishandled.

The MDC sponsors this HazWaste Collection program to provide residents of participating towns with a safe, convenient, and environmentally responsible way to dispose of their Household HazWaste. The MDC urges you to participate in any of the 19 HazWaste collections. Call MDC for more information on other participating towns collection dates at 860-278-3809.



A product is considered hazardous if it's Toxic (can injure or kill if swallowed, inhaled or absorbed through the skin), Flammable (may explode or ignite, even

when cool). An example of some items that may be brought to HazWaste Day are, antifreeze, kerosene, mercury thermostats and thermometers, oil based paint, rechargeable batteries, turpentine, disinfectants, flea repellants, ant sprays and baits, ammonia, adhesives, artists paints, epoxy products, fungicides, pool chemicals, moth balls, herbicides, insecticides and glues. An example of unacceptable items are Alkaline and car batteries, asbestos, biological waste, business waste, explosives, fire extinguishers, flares, ice melt, latex driveway sealer or latex paints, needles/syringes, medicine/drugs, propane tanks for gas grills, tires, and smoke detectors.

Propane tanks can be extremely hazardous and volatile. Improper disposal can cause problems with trash collection vehicles and result in explosions at the waste-to-energy facilities. Unfortunately, getting rid of these tanks has become very difficult. Due to their volatile nature, few propane gas companies will handle residential tanks exclusively for disposal. You may be able to return the propane tank to the place you bought it from. Many companies and local hardware stores will dispose of an old tanks for you if a new propane tank is purchased.

*Len Norton, Dir. of Public works/Town Engineer, #292-7073*



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Save this web address! To better serve you, we have designed a website with all the information you need. Whether you are looking for a garbage pick up or a local ordinance, it is all there. The individual Town Offices have made bundles of information available to you don't even have to pick up the phone! However, if you do not find what you are looking for, please feel free to contact us!

## CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

The Town of East Windsor is looking for the help of local amateur photographers to take photos of our town. Whether it is children at play, a beautiful garden, wildlife and nature or photos from local events i.e.: parades, derbies, school events, etc. we would love to see your photos! If you would like to participate, please email your photos with your name, address and phone number to [cdavis@eastwindsorct.com](mailto:cdavis@eastwindsorct.com).

*Christina Davis, Town Clerks Office*

